HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 457 By Stulce

A RESOLUTION to honor The Chattanooga Music Club upon its 100th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, in the late 1800s, a small group of musicians gathered in Chattanooga in hopes of creating an organization to encourage high standards of musicianship in the community; and

WHEREAS, this laudable goal led to the establishment of The Chattanooga Music Club in 1896, an organization which has become the spiritual parent of many of today's flourishing cultural groups in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, in 1931, members of the group expressed a desire to assist in the promotion and development of other arts and musical organizations in the Chattanooga area; since that fateful year, the music club has been a prime sponsor of performances by symphonies, opera companies and dance groups in the area; and

WHEREAS, this praiseworthy club has been celebrated for its assistance in the establishment of such fine arts organizations as the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra, the Chattanooga Opera Association, and the Community Concerts Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the Chattanooga Music Club has hosted many talented performers and, in 1958, the Club opened its own performances to the public, providing citizens of the area with a great number of varied and innovative programs; and

WHEREAS, eager to encourage development of musical talent among the young, The Chattanooga Music Club has established a scholarship fund; through the fund the members and associated businesses award a scholarship each spring to a high school senior planning to study music in college; and

WHEREAS, the organization's most challenging project to date is the current restoration of the Austin pipe organ in Chattanooga's Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial Auditorium, a project the members have devoted their time and talents to since 1985; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate upon the 100th anniversary of this fine organization, that we honor The Chattanooga Music Club and its members for their numerous contributions to the Chattanooga community and the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the members of The Chattanooga Music Club for their numerous good works as they celebrate their centennial anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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